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SUBJ: RHODESIA: PROFESSOR HUTCHINSON'S ROLE

REF: BLANTYRE 725

1. ON JUNE 20 BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER RITCHIE SHOWED  
ME LETTER FROM FCO OFFICIAL ROBIN BYATT ASSESSING HUTCHINSON'S  
ROLE FROM UK STANDPOINT. CENTRAL ELEMENTS WERE:

A. HUTCHINSON'S EFFORTS WERE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE IN THAT  
EXCESS ADVANCE PUBLICITY TENDED TO UNDERMINE WHATEVER CHANGE  
MIGHT HAVE EXISTED FOR AGREEMENT;

B. IN RETROSPECT THERE WAS TENDENCY ON AFRICAN SIDE TO  
REGARD HUTCHINSON AS INVEIGLER FOR SELLOUT ON SMITH'S TERMS;

C. AMONG SOME RHODESIAN EXPAT CIRCLES HUTCHINSON IS  
REGARDED AS CIA AGENT.

2. HUTCHINSON HAS NOT CONTACTED EMBASSY SINCE JUNE 5 (REFTEL).

3. INFORMATION FROM HIGH COMMISSIONER SHOULD BE STRICTLY  
PROTECTED.  
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